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Enter the Photo Issue Favorite Contest

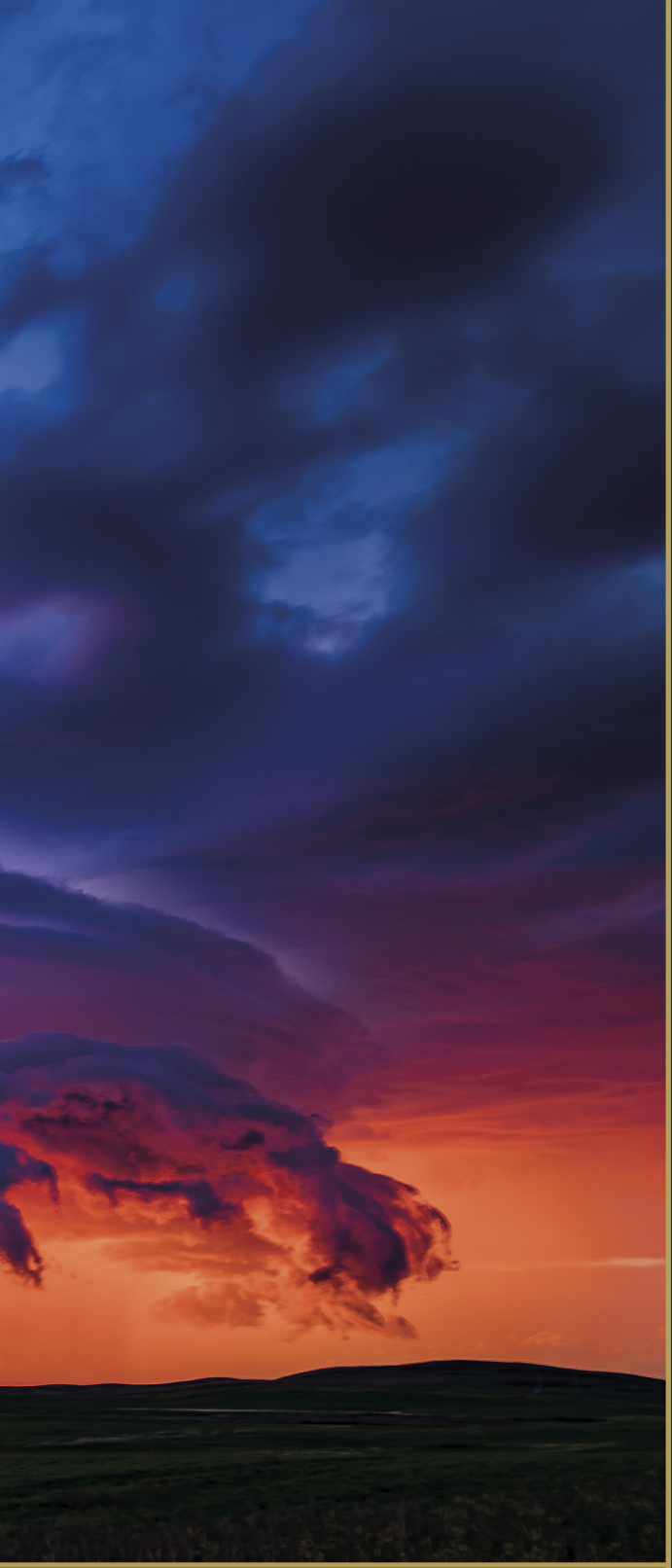
In celebration of this 39th edition of our popular *Montana Outdoors* photo issue, we're giving away three 16 x 20 prints of selected photographs in a drawing open to all readers:

RULES

- To enter the 2020 Photo Issue Favorite Contest, email us at montanaoutdoors@mt.gov or send a letter or postcard (Montana Outdoors, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701) stating your single favorite photo from this issue.
- Include the page number, image description, photographer's name, and your mailing address.
- Only one entry per person.
- Email entries must be received by January 31, 2020 (mailed entries must be postmarked by this date).
- The drawing will be held the first week of February.
- We will draw the names of three winners. Each will win a pre-mounted 16 x 20 print of their favorite photo.
- Winners' names will be posted on the *Montana Outdoors* website and in the March-April 2020 issue.

Good luck.

—Tom Dickson, Editor



CINDY GOEDDEL
Cover: Red fox on snow, Montana/Wyoming border of Yellowstone National Park

SEAN R. HEAVEY
Above: Lightning strike over Raymond, Sheridan County

STACY THORNBRUGH
Right: Indian rice grass seed soaked with rain, near Libby

JAKE WILLSON
Above: Massive bighorn sheep rams, Wild Horse Island State Park, Flathead Lake

JACELYN BRONTE
Left: Bighorn sheep during the rut, near Gardiner

RANDY SMITH
Opposite page: Bighorn rams doing battle

AARON M. STREET
Right: Huckleberry bush, near Cobalt Lake, Glacier National Park

ADDIE AHERN
Below: Cinnamon phase black bear

CAROL BABEL
Above: Great horned owl

ERIN BRAATEN
Left: Female dusky grouse, Jewel Basin Hiking Area

BRYAN D. SPELLMAN
South Sandstone Reservoir,
Fallon County

JOHN JURACEK
Storm light over Hebgen Lake,
Gallatin County

TRACY ENTERLINE
Top: Black bear and cubs in strong wind, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

DEBORAH BIEHL
Above left: Black bear cub, near Buffalo, Fergus County

ERIK PETERSEN
Above right: Black bear resting beneath a rock outcropping, Beartooth Mountains.

CRAIG MILLER
Opposite page: Black bear

GILLIAN
BOTTOM A STORE OR SALOON

Clockwise from above:

TRACY SCOTT
Starlight over a lonely homestead, Pony, northern Madison County

DOUG TATE
Old windmill during a blizzard, near Opheim, Valley County

PETER ENICH
Large bellows in the blacksmith shop, Garnet Ghost Town

IVY BRYAN
Gillian Hall in the silver mining ghost town of Elkhorn State Park

MIKE ANICH
Above: Whitetail fawns

JEFF VAN TINE
Right: Edith's checkerspot butterfly on a blanketflower

RICHARD J. JACKSON
Left: Swallowtail butterfly on an arrowleaf balsamroot, National Bison Range

RANDY BEACHAM
Below: Heart-leaved arnica in a conifer forest two years after the 2017 West Fork Fire, Purcell Mountains

Clockwise from right:

CHRIS McGOWAN
Flowers and mosses on a log in Seymour Lake, Anaconda Range

ARNIE GIDLOW
American dipper in Swiftcurrent River, Glacier National Park

RICK CLARK
Aspen leaf and rocks in a creek

JOHN ASHLEY
Westslope cutthroat trout resting in a pool of a spawning tributary

MATT BERTELLOTTI
Opposite page top: Elk herd at sunset

CINDY GOEDDEL
Opposite page bottom: Elk herd, near Gardiner

BECCA WOOD
Below left: Bull elk, Gardner River, near Gardiner

ALLEN RUSSELL
Below right: Cow elk, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge

RENEE LUND
Bottom: Bull elk, Little Snowy Mountains

STACY THORNBRUGH
Top: Honey bee collecting pollen, Bitterroot Valley

BOB MARTINKA
Above left: Hunt's bumblebee on a musk thistle

LISA WRIGHT
Above middle: Bumblebee, near Lewistown

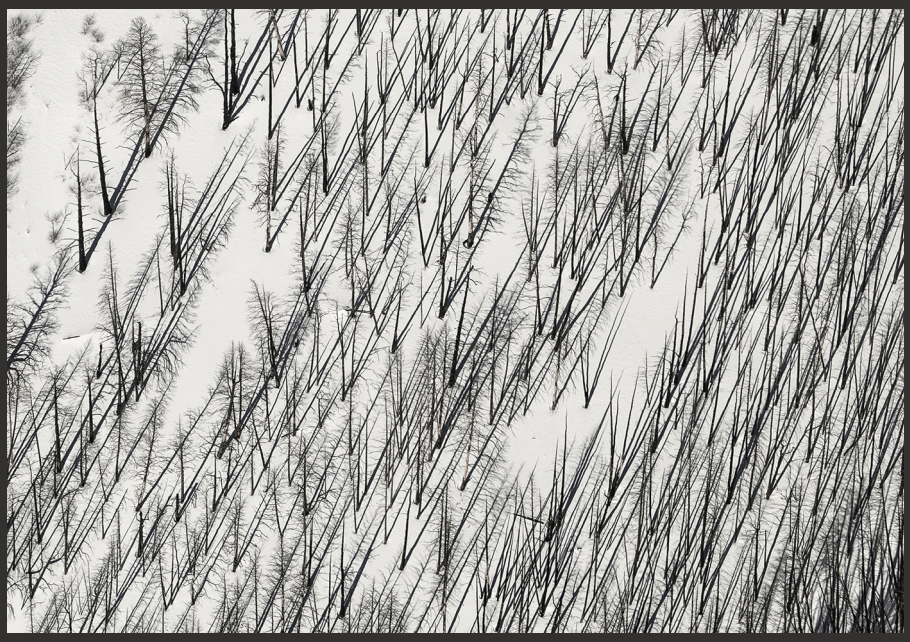
ELIZABETH MOORE
Above right: Hunt's bumblebee on Joe-pye weed

PAUL HOLDORF
Opposite page: Pasqueflower on the Drinking Horse Trail, near Bozeman

CHRIS DANIEL
Above: Bison detail, West Yellowstone

CRAIG BARFOOT
Below: Two bull elk, National Bison Range

ADDIE AHERN
Right: Grizzly bear shaking off water



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ERIK PETERSEN
Jack pines, charred by wildfire, Absaroka Mountains, near Paradise Valley

DONALD M. JONES
Trumpeter swans taking flight off a frozen lake, Swan Valley

ROBERT HANSON
Ice formations on Leigh Lake, near Libby

NATHAN COOPER
Dried wetland, Garfield County

JOHN CARLSON
Ice formations along the shores of the Yellowstone River

ZACK CLOTHIER
Left: American marten investigating an elk skull, photographed with a trail camera

DAN ELLISON
Top: Long-tailed weasel, Elkhorn Mountains

ROBERT NEWKIRK
Above: Long-tailed weasel in winter coat with a meadow vole

KEVIN LEAGUE
Swollen with spring rains and melting snowpack from mountains to the south, the Missouri River pours into Canyon Ferry Reservoir, near Townsend.

LAURA VERHAEGHE
Pronghorn doe and fawn
in a meadow of wildflowers,
Blackfoot Valley, near Ovando

DEBRA SCHWARTZAU
Male caliope hummingbird on a pronghorn skull mounted outdoors

RANDY SMITH
Left: Male rufous hummingbird, near Missoula

KARL KRIEGER
Below: Female calliope hummingbird, near Helena

SHARON DEWART-HANSEN
Above: Female rufous hummingbird, near Jefferson City

BOB MARTINKA
Right: Immature calliope hummingbirds, Mount Helena

JOSHUA BERGAN
Above: Fly-fishing on Big Bear Lake, Gallatin County

JEREMIE HOLLMAN
Opposite page top: Brook trout detail

LISA BALLARD
Right: Brown trout
with fly, Missouri River

DAVID R. ARMER
Left: Mountain goat nanny and kids, Glacier National Park

JOHN CARUSO
Below: Mule deer doe and fawns, near Missoula

CHARLES RENFRO
Opposite page: Bison and calf, National Bison Range

TRACY ENTERLINE
Above: Moose calves, Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

RANDY SMITH
Right: Red fox and kit, near Missoula

ADDIE AHERN
Opposite page top: Aurora borealis over sunflowers, near Choteau

SEAN R. HEAVEY
Opposite page bottom: Tepee with ribbons and aurora borealis, Fort Peck Indian Reservation, near Oswego

COLIN RUGGIERO
Above: Milky Way over sandstone formations, Makoshika State Park

LEE NELSON
Top left: Spotted towhee

VICKI CORREIA
Above left: Western meadowlark

STEVE MITCHELL
Top right: Song sparrow, northwestern Montana

ZANE CURTISS
Above right: Lazuli bunting in Bridger Creek, near Reed Point

KIMBERLY FRENCH
Above: Western wood-pewee on a Russian sage

ELIZABETH MOORE
Top right: House finch

SHARON DEWART-HANSEN
Above right: Canyon wren, below Hauser Dam, Missouri River

LAURA THOMAS
Top left: Song sparrow, northwestern Montana

KEVIN LEAGUE
Top right: Yellow-rumped warbler

LEE NELSON
Above: Horned lark

SHAWN T. STEWART
Top left: Bohemian waxwings, Carbon County

ROD SCHLECHT
Above left: Pygmy nuthatch, near Hardy Creek, Cascade County

MARIE SMITH
Top right: Mountain bluebird, Smith Lake, Flathead County

ERIN BRAATEN
Above right: Western tanager, near Marion, Flathead County

JOHN CARUSO
Above: Muddy Creek Falls, Bob Marshall Wilderness, west of Bynum

CHUCK HANEY
Opposite page: Sunrise over Square Butte and Round Butte in the Highwood Mountains, shot from near Coffee Creek

Clockwise from top left:

GARY WUNDERWALD
Cherry-faced meadowhawk dragonfly on rose hip, Seeley Lake

JOHN CARLSON
Sexton beetle on sego lily flower

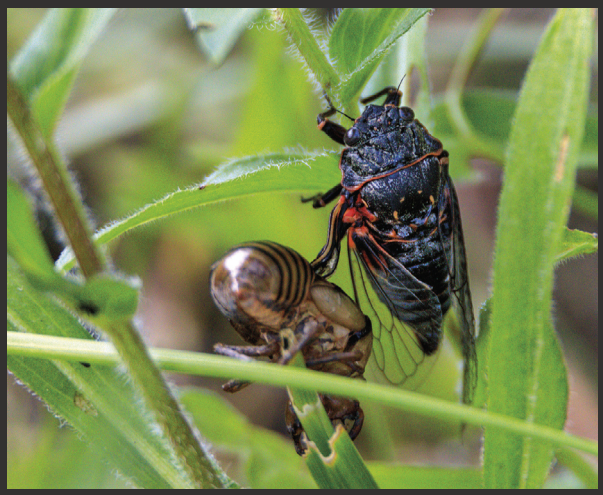
JEFF VAN TINE
Cicada and chrysalis, Elkhorn Mountains

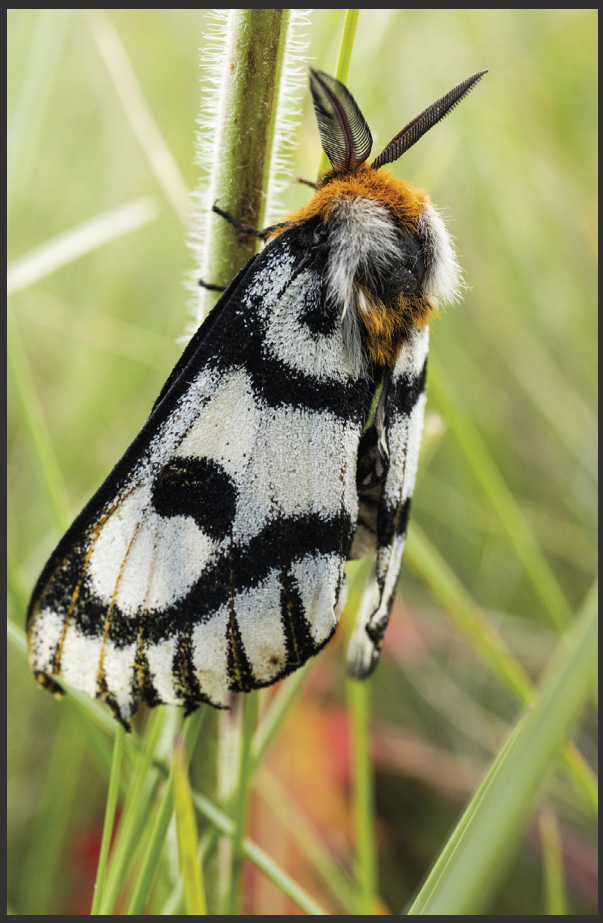
DEE LINNELL BLANK
Hera buckmoth, Porcupine Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area, Gallatin Range

JOAN M. STEWART
Ladybugs, National Bison Range

NATHAN COOPER
Scarlet-winged lichen moth on sagebrush, Garfield County

ELIZABETH MOORE
Milkweed longhorn beetle, Giant Springs State Park





JESSE LEE VARNADO
Top: Edith's checkerspot, anise swallowtail, northern blue, Boisduval's blue, and northern checkerspot butterflies consuming minerals from exposed dirt

STEVEN AKRE
Above: Western spruce budworm moths near Hoodoo Pass, Mineral County

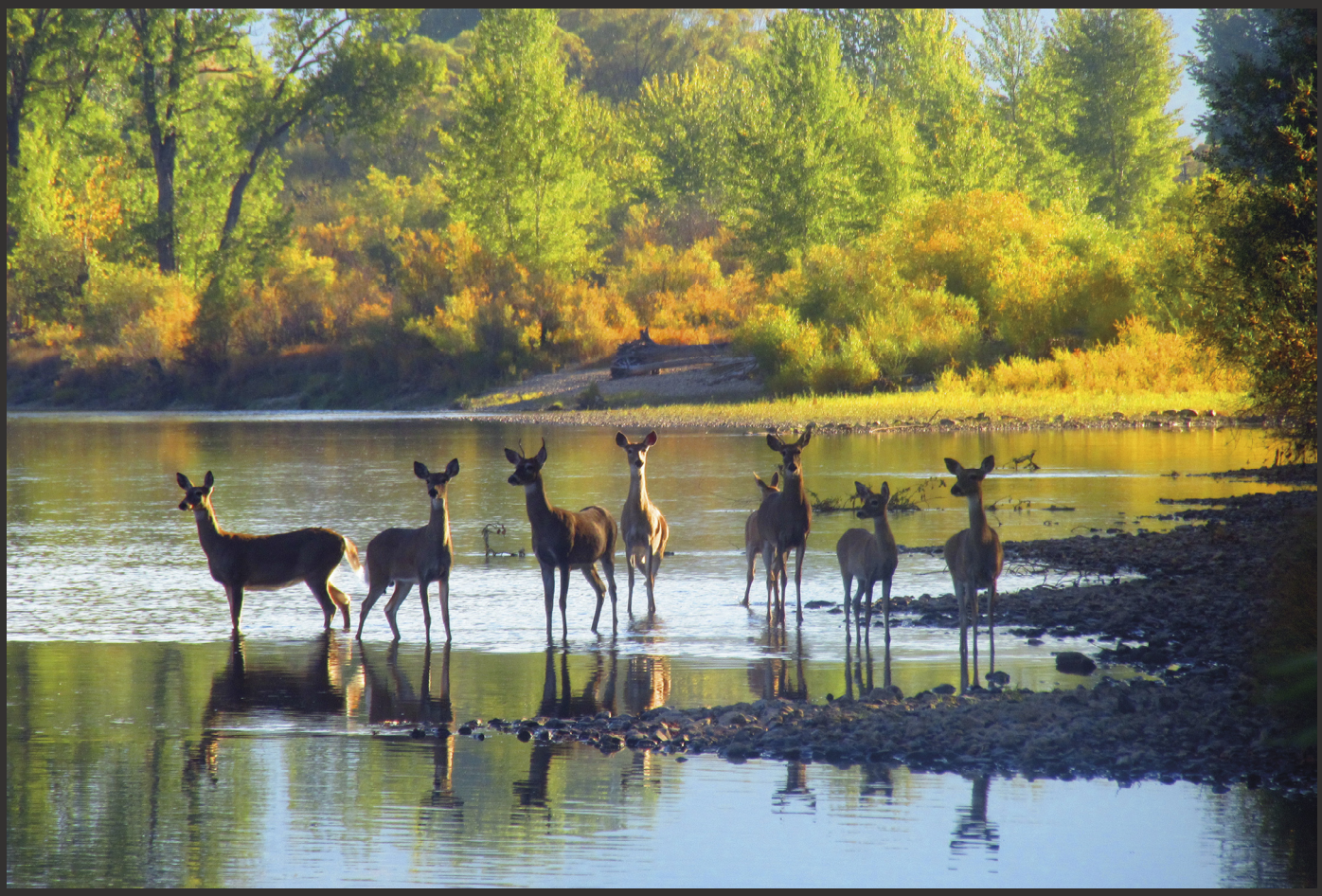
Clockwise from above :

CHRIS McGOWAN
Single exposure of six mallard drakes landing on Lake Helena, with American wigeons and northern shovelers

ALLEN HAY
White-tailed deer, Bitterroot River

PAT CLAYTON
Arctic grayling

CAROL POLICH
Female goldeneye taking flight



ED COYLE
Above: Immature mountain lion

KERRY T. NICKOU
Below: Bobcat feeding on a deer carcass

ZACK CLOTHIER
Right: Canada lynx, northwestern Montana

JEANETTE TASEY
Common grackle gathering seeds,
Yellowstone County

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